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Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-26 are pending in the present Application, claims 1-8, 10-13 and 19 having been canceled above. Entry of the foregoing amendments is proper as the amendments place the application in immediate condition for allowance. In this regard, applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 20-26.

Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Besling et al. (US 6,562,732) in view of Odian (pg. 18 of *Principles of Polymerization*, 1981, 2nd edition) and Allen (US 6,420,441). In addition, claims 1-8, 10-13 and 19 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babich et al. (US 6,815,329) in view of Odian and Allen. These rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of the rejected claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejections is in order.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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